

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those institutions which have demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through involvement in worship, education, and other diverse service activities; and

Whereas, Second Baptist Church of Springfield enjoys a long history of tending to the spiritual needs of its members and of the greater community as a whole; and

Whereas, at the request of the pastor of Second Baptist Church, a member began working on the congregation's International Mission Board which assists individuals who are willing to go abroad as missionaries for two to three years; and

Whereas, his International Mission Board experiences and the book The Church of Irresistible Influence led retired postmaster Bob Roberts to look for ways that Second Baptist Church could better serve the people within the Springfield community; and

Whereas, the result of the search for a way to be a good neighbor and to contribute to society as a whole was the establishment of a loose-knit organization entitled The Church Action Projects of Springfield which maintains an office at Second Baptist Church, but is made up of volunteers from Baptist, Methodist, Assembly of God, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches; and

Whereas, The Church Action Projects of Springfield participants believe that they should improve society through a combination of volunteerism and prayer; and

Whereas, The Church Action Projects of Springfield met with small groups of Springfield community, business, education, and governmental leaders to determine what concrete steps the organization could take to help; and

Whereas, understanding the primacy of children in society, The Church Action Projects of Springfield volunteers have instituted a kindergarten through third grade tutoring program that has been enthusiastically embraced by the Springfield School District, which developed standardized materials and training to ensure the highest level of effectiveness in bringing children up to their proper grade level of performance:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long history of community involvement garnered by Second Baptist Church down through the years, to convey to its leaders and members this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their leadership role with Church Action Projects of Springfield, and to express our sincerest best wishes for continued community-oriented success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Second Baptist Church of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Denison
District No. 135

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. _____, adopted _____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker